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The University of Dayton

July 15, 1985

Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M.
President
University of Dayton
CAMPUS

Dear Brother Fitz,

In its meeting of March 15, 1985, the Academic Senate officially approved the enclosed Senate Document #84-7, Change in Degree Designation for Programs in Engineering Technology/Deletion of Associate in Technology Degree. The Provost has also taken this action through the Academic Policies and Programs Committee of the Board of Trustees and they have approved the change.

In accordance with established procedures the Provost is forwarding this document to the President for his approval.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Stander, S.M.
Vice President for Academic
Affairs and Provost

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Enclosure

PROPOSAL TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Change in Degree Designation for Programs in Engineering Technology
Deletion of Associate in Technology Degree

TITLE: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Engineering Technology

DATE: _____ March 7, 1985/ March 15, 1985

Indicate the action required: Legislative, Concurrence, or Consultative, and
refer to the appropriate reference in the Senate Constitution (Article IIB, 1, 2, 3).

ACTION IS: _____ Consultative **REFERENCE IS:** _____

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: State objectives, rationale, and how proposal is to be
implemented

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

DOCUMENT NUMBER 845-13

Title: Change in the degree designation for programs in the Engineering Technology Division.

MOTION: That the name of the degree awarded to graduates of the bachelor's degree programs in the Engineering Technology Division programs be changed to:

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

RATIONALE: The current degree designation (Bachelor of Technology) is not in the mainstream of those used by engineering technology programs across the country. Although a variety of designations persist, it seems that the norm includes the Bachelor of Science name with modifiers. Institutions in our area using the degree Bachelor of Science for their technology programs include Purdue, the University of Cincinnati, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, University of Akron and Miami University.

The University of Dayton was the second school in the country to offer the bachelor's degree in engineering technology, graduating its first class in 1966. At this time, there are 106 programs accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology according to the November, 1984 issue of the Journal of Engineering Education. It is important for the University to maintain consistency with other programs.

Internal to the University there should be no problem. The School of Education and the School of Business both use the designation Bachelor of Science. In fact the University grants the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Art Education and Bachelor of Science in Music Education. The engineering technology programs are at least as scientific as those programs.

Prospective students, colleagues, and employers of graduates relate more comfortably with programs leading to the "B.S. Degree". Approval of this proposal would aid in recruiting and retention of students and in the placement and career advancement of graduates of the programs.

Approved by the School of Engineering Academic Committee.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

DOCUMENT NUMBER 845-12

Title: Delete all Associate in Technology Degree programs from the University bulletin.

MOTION: That the following programs be deleted from the University bulletin for the fall of 1985:

ASSOCIATE IN TECHNOLOGY WITH A MAJOR IN BIO-ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

ASSOCIATE IN TECHNOLOGY WITH A MAJOR IN CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY

ASSOCIATE IN TECHNOLOGY WITH A MAJOR IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

ASSOCIATE IN TECHNOLOGY WITH A MAJOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

ASSOCIATE IN TECHNOLOGY WITH A MAJOR IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

ASSOCIATE IN TECHNOLOGY WITH A MAJOR IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

RATIONALE: The number of students pursuing the associate degree has dwindled dramatically in the past several years. Of the 506 degrees awarded in engineering technology in the last four years only 6 were associate degrees. This total of 6 associates in four years contrasts with 1974 when we granted 49 in one year. Thus, for all practical purposes, our students are all seeking bachelor's degrees and our programs have been designed as such in the recent curriculum revisions. The associate degrees have been offered as a convenience.

At this time, the benefits of the convenience to a few students do not outweigh the confusion and difficulties created. By deleting these programs, the catalog copy will be simpler, program brochures will be simpler, and recruiting "pitches" will be simpler.

At this time, with the recent dropping of the Associate in Business in Executive Secretarial Studies, our associate degrees are the only ones offered at the University of Dayton.

The few students who are already in the pipeline can be given a set amount of time to complete the degrees or be advised to go to other institutions in the area to complete the associate degree. They can then transfer back to U.D. to complete the bachelor's degree. Most of our part time students are upper level students who have transferred from a two-year school.

Approved by the School of Engineering Academic Committee.